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SUBJECT: JEWISH AGENCY PLANS FOR NEW ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS

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1. THE JEWISH AGENCY ASSEMBLY MET AT JERUSALEM JULY 11-16. IT WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN A STORMY AND TROUBLED MEETING AND A NUMBER OF DIFFICULT SUBJECTS WERE DISCUSSED, BOTH IN COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND IN PLENARY SESSIONS. A FULL REPORT ON THE ASSEMBLY IS BEING PREPARED AND WILL BE SUBMITTED BY AIRGRAM IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

2. SETTLEMENT PLANS WERE ONE, ALTHOUGH ONLY ONE, OF THE ISSUES DISCUSSED BY THE DELEGATES BUT THAT ISSUE WAS AMONG THE MOST CONTENTIOUS. MOST OF THE DISCUSSION ON SETTLEMENT PLANS OCCURRED IN THE SETTLEMENTS COMMITTEE, ONE OF EIGHT COMMITTEES WHICH CONSIDERED SPECIFIC SUBJECTS. VERY FEW CONCRETE DECISIONS EMERGED FROM THESE SESSIONS, WHICH WERE PRIMARILY DEVOTED TO GENERAL DISCUSSIONS OF SETTLEMENT VIEWS AND PHILOSOPHIES. THE ISSUE OF SETTLEMENT REFLECTED THE BROADER DISAGREEMENT AMONG DELEGATES AS TO THE DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN THE JEWISH AGENCY AND THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION. IN FACT, SHOUTING AND FISTFIGHTS OCCURRED DURING ONE SETTLE-

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MENT COMMITTEE MEETING WHEN GUSH EMUNIM SUPPORTERS OF QADOUM

WERE REFUSED PERMISSION TO SPEAK. THEY WERE TOLD THAT THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION AND NOT THE JEWISH AGENCY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SETTLEMENT PLANS OUTSIDE ISRAEL PROPER.

3. A PLAN FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SETTLEMENTS IN THE AREA BETWEEN YAMIT AND BEERSHEVA WAS PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED. THE ASSEMBLY IN PLENARY SESSION APPROVED A RESOLUTION BY THE SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE WHICH AUTHORIZED THE PREPARATION OF LONG RANGE PLANS FOR THIS PURPOSE. THIS PLAN, WHICH IS CALLED "SOUTHERN PROJECT," AIMS AT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF 100-110 NEW VILLAGES, AN EVENTUAL POPULATION OF 200,000-500,000 PEOPLE, AND A NUCLEAR POWERED DESALINIZATION SYSTEM; IT IS SCHEDULED TO COST 18 BILLION ILS. STUDIES AND DETAILED PLANS FOR THE PROJECT ARE ONLY JUST BEING UNDERTAKEN BY A SPECIAL COMMITTEE FROM THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE SETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE AGENCY AND WILL BE IMPLEMENTED OVER A 10-15 YEAR TIME PERIOD.

4. THE ASSEMBLY ALSO APPROVED A RESOLUTION OF THE SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE WHICH AUTHORIZED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF 19 NEW SETTLEMENTS DURING THE NEXT YEAR, ALL OF WHICH ARE IN ISRAEL PROPER.

5. (IT WAS ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK THAT THE ZIONIST CONGRESS, WHICH IS TO BE HELD IN JANUARY, WILL ESTABLISH 15-18 SETTLEMENTS ON A SINGLE DAY. THIS IS TO BE ESSENTIALLY A CEREMONIAL ESTABLISHMENT OF SETTLEMENTS WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT. SOME OF THESE SETTLEMENTS ARE BEYOND THE GREEN LINE BUT MOST OF THEM WILL BE AMONG THE 19 APPROVED BY THE ASSEMBLY (PARA 4). THE EXACT NUMBER AND LOCATION OF THESE HAVE YET TO BE DECIDED.)

6. THE EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE FULLER INFORMATION ON THESE VARIOUS PLANS AND PROPOSALS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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